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New Fisheries Administrative Orders

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Report Highlights:

Agriculture Secretary Leonardo Q. Montemayor recently signed eight (8) new fisheries Administrative Orders which are intended to enhance the development of the local aquaculture and fisheries industry.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Agriculture Secretary recently signed eight Administrative Orders (AO) aimed at strengthening Republic Act (RA) 8550 or the Fisheries Code of the Philippines. The AO's include guidelines on the import of live shrimp and prawns, exports of fishery products, requirements by processing plants, among others.

The AO on the import of live shrimps and prawns aims to protect the local shrimp and prawn industries from the entry of white spot virus-contaminated shrimps and prawns prevalent in Asia. While the AO on fishery products exports and processing aims to ensure that the country complies with the quality standards of importing nations.

The other five AO's covers the disposal of fish and seized items to ensure the appropriate disposition of confiscated fishery products; guidelines on the harvest and movement of shellfish to protect consumers from red tide contamination; the collection of fees for the quality testing facilities of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) to ensure quality standards; conservation of endangered aquatic organisms such as the dugong, manta ray and the whale shark, to name a few; and, guidelines on the implementation of Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point System (HACCP) in test laboratories.